

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of )  
Borre Bengt Ulrichsen et al )  
Serial No. Unknown )  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith ) Examiner Unknown  
For: DETERMINATION OF ) Group Art Unit Unknown  
CHARACTERISTICS OF MATERIAL )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

171. Please cancel claims 1 through 99 and add the attached new claims 100 through

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 18-0853.

Respectfully submitted,  
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